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MR. SPEAKER :—" This does not arise out of the main question. But if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Import of these foreign medicines is also being prohibited."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Is it not a fact that the maintenance of the cinchona plantations is a drain on the resources of the Government? In view of the availability of synthetic quinine which is more efficacious, will the Government think of reducing the acreage of cinchona plantation?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that the quinine that is produced now in the cinchona factories is being consumed, that there is demand for this quantity of quinine and that, therefore, there is no need to reduce the work in the factory."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In effecting the retrenchment of about a thousand workers, have the Government stuck to the principle that the last appointed worker should be dimissed first, that is to say, that the dismissal should take place with reference to the length of service of the workers? If not, why was this principle ' the last come first go ' not followed?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government did not dismiss any worker. Nor did they have to retrench all the workers. Whenever there were vacancies, they were not filled up. Gradually the number was being reduced. This reduction was also effected by retrenching a few workers and they were workers who came last, that is, those who were retrenched in 1953 were those who were taken in on or after 1952."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" If the Government are not going to retrench the workers altogether, will the Government be pleased to give unemployment compensation to the workers who have already been retrenched?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am unable to understand this advocacy for vested interests. There are ever so many other people who do not have any work at all. In 1952 or earlier, the Cinchona Factory needed some workers and they were appointed. Within six months if there is no work, they are sent out. Only the workers who come last are sent out. There is no question of giving retrenchment benefit. At that rate, we cannot run any factory."

Assignment of lands to the landless poor and Harijans.

* 524 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have given any direction to Collectors with regard to the assignment of lands to the landless poor and the Harijans; and

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(b) if so, the number of Special Revenue Inspectors and other staff appointed to implement the scheme quickly?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Adequate special staff consisting of deputy tahsildars, upper division clerks, revenue inspectors, lower division clerks and peons, etc., has been appointed in most of the districts to implement the scheme."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, எப்பொழுது கலெக்டர்களுக்கு உத்திரவு கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது ? தவிர ஹரிஜனங்களிடத்திலிருந்தும், நிலமில்லாதவர்களிடமிருந்தும் எத்தனை மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன ? இந்த வேலைக்காக எத்தனை தாசில்தார்கள் ஸ்பெஷல் ரெவின்யூ இன்ஸ்பெக்டர்கள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have got a very long list with me. If the hon. Member is keen, I shall let him know."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Are the Government aware that by reason of the fact that assignable lands have not been assigned to those Harijans who claim them in districts like South Arcot, troubles are brewing between Harijans and Hindus on the one hand and between these two sections of the people and the Government on the other hand? Regarding the Kalpattu (Villupuram taluk) case which the Hon. Minister will remember very well, I have got the latest news. In between these people and the Government, the general public are suffering. And our Republic Police are put in an embarrassing situation. The interests of the people and the interests of the department also have to be balanced. May I submit to the Government that the Revenue department may take some clear-cut final action either by assigning the lands or by alienating them to deserving landless poor Harijans? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not a question. It is only a submission to the Government."

11-20 a.m. SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Even though it is two years since the orders have been issued by the Government for the assignment of lands in certain areas in Anjur forest, the special staff that have been requested have not been sanctioned so far. So, the ryots cultivating the lands are required to pay every year a very heavy penalty. Will the Government be pleased to save these cultivating ryots at least this year from paying these heavy penalties by instructing the authorities not to levy penalties on actual cultivators? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In addition to the steps already taken, the Government are now taking special steps to speed up the assignment of lands. More than the hon. Members, I am very anxious to see that this process is quickly gone through."

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Regarding the assignment of lands to landless poor and Harijans, a number of Government Orders have been published and circulated to the Collectors concerned. But, so far as I know, the result achieved is not really appreciable. Will the Government undertake to issue a comprehensive Government Order and see that that Order is strictly and expeditiously followed? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is not merely a question of issuing an Order, Sir. The Government are now very anxious to take all possible steps to give effect to their Order."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதிலுரைக்கும்போது, அனேக ஜில்லாக்களில் விசேஷ அதிகாரிகள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். எந்தெந்த ஜில்லாக்களில் விசேஷ அதிகாரிகள் நியமிக்கப்படவில்லை ? நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் ஜில்லாக்களில்கூட நிலமில்லாதவர்களுக்கு நிலம் கொடுக்கப்படும் என்கிற விவரம் அங்குள்ள ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா என்பதே சந்தேகமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே, நிலமில்லாத ஏழை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு நிலம் கொடுக்கும் ஏற்பாட்டை சரிவர நடைமுறைக்குக் கொண்டுவர சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In almost all the districts, special steps have been taken. At a glance, I am not able to say whether Tiruchirappalli is in it."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" பத்து வருஷங்களாக ஒரு ஹரிஜன் ஒரு தர்க்காஸ்து பூமியை உழுதுகொண்டு வந்துவிட்டால், அந்த நிலமானது அவனுக்குப் பட்டா செய்து கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்று கவர்ன்மெண்ட் அறிக்கை கூறுகிறது. ஆனால் கோயம்பத்தூர் ஜில்லாவில் இவ்விதம் அனேக ஜனங்கள் உழுதுகொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு அந்தநத பட்டா நிலங்கள் ஜாரி செய்து கொடுக்கப்படாமலிருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, சர்க்காரால் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் விசேஷ அதிகாரிகள் இது விஷயத்தில் துரிதமான நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஆவன செய்வார்களா?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. All those things will be considered. I have asked the Board to submit a scheme for expediting this assignment business."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know whether any special staff has been appointed in Malabar for the assignment of lands to the landless poor and Harijans and if so, in how many cases lands have so far been assigned? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Special staff have been appointed in Malabar also for this purpose."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Government whether they have specifically mentioned in the order issued to Collectors that preference must be given to the Harijans in the matter of assignment of lands and if not, will they do it at least now to prove that the present Government are really interested in the uplift of Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are very much interested in the uplift of Harijans. That is why they have said that all landless poor people should be given lands."

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு புரம்போக்கு நிலங்கள் ஒதுக்கப்படுவதைப்போல, சக்கிலியர்களுக்கும் ஏதாவது நிலம் கொடுக்கப் படுகிறதா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" சக்கிலியர்களும் ஹரிஜனங்கள்தான்."

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" சக்கிலியர்களை ஹரிஜனங்களிலிருந்து ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறார்களோ என்று நான் சந்தேகப்படுகிறேன். ஆகையால்தான் நான் இந்தக் கேள்வியைக் கேடகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" சக்கிலியர்கள், ஆதித் திராவிடர்கள் ஆகிய பல பிரிவுகள் சேர்ந்த வகுப்பினர்தான் ஹரிஜனங்கள் எனப்படுகின்றனர்."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Are the Government maintaining statistics of the lands available for distribution to Harijans and the landless poor? If so, will the Government be pleased to publish this list in all the village offices and other places so that people may take advantage of the opportunity given to them? May I also know whether it is a fact that the backward community people who are landless are asked to pay the market value in cases where they are assigned some lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even as it is, we have got thousands of applications pending. As regards the other part of the question, I want notice. With regard to the hon. Member's statement that the backward community people are asked to pay market value, I must say that it is not exactly like that. Market value will be claimed when the land is valuable. In other cases, it is not claimed."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" நிலமில்லாத ஏழைகளுக்கு நிலம் வழங்குவதற்காக விசேஷ அதிகாரிகளை சர்க்கார் நியமித்திருந்தாலும் பல ஜில்லாக்களில் நிலமில்லாத ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கோ மற்றவர்களுக்கோ நிலம் இன்னும் கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. ஆகவே 10 ஆண்டு, 5 ஆண்டு வரையில் ஹரிஜனங்கள்வசம் இருந்து, அவர்கள் பயிர் செய்துக்கொண்டுவரும் புரம்போக்கு நிலங்களையாவது அவர்களுக்கு உடனடியாகப் பட்டா செய்துகொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று அதிகாரிகளுக்கு சர்க்கார் அவசர உத்தரவு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I will take into account every aspect that was put forth here. When we launch this new scheme, the assignment work will be expedited."